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SUBJECT: GUAYAQUIL COLUMNIST ON ECUADORIAN LOS POSITION

1. EL UNIVERSO OF AUGUST 16 CARRIED A COLUMN BY GONZALO
ENDERICA ENTITLED "THE CHANCERY AND THE LAW OF THE SEA."
THE COLUMN WAS PROMINENTLY RUN ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE UNDER
A PHOTO OF A TUNA BOAT. ENDERICA REFERRED TO THE PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND THE "UNUSUAL
FRANKNESS" OF AMB. JOSE AYALA'S REMARKS ON THE ACCEPTANCE
OF THE GOE POSITION OF 200 TERRITORIAL MILES. THE COLUMN
ENDS:

2. "THE DOCTRINE PROPOSED BY ECUADOR IS NOT LACKING IN
SOLID FUNDAMENTALS: JURIDICAL; BIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL, ETC., IN CONSEQUENCE, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT
ONLY THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF CERTAIN POWERS THAT IT HAS
NOT BEEN WHOLELY ADOPTED. AS WE ALL KNOW, ECUADOR
ATTEMPTED THE ADOPTION OF A SYSTEM BY WHICH ALL STATES
WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OVER AN EXTENSION OF
200 MILES OF TERRITORIAL SEA. UP TO NOW THE THESIS OF
200 MILES HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, BUT ONLY IN THAT WHICH IS
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CALLED THE ECONOMIC ZONE WITHIN WHICH THE STATES EXERCISE

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CONTROL, REGULATION
AND EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA RESOURCES, ETC. BUT NOT
AS FAR AS THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY. IF THE INTEGRAL
ACCEPTANCE OF THE (THESIS) HAS NOT GAINED ACCEPTANCE,
AT LEAST THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 200 MILES AS AN ECONOMIC
ZONE IS AN ECUADORIAN TRIUMPH. ATTITUDES SUCH AS
THOSE DEMONSTRATED BY THE MHANCILLER AND THE HIGH
OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY MERIT THE APPLAUSE OF THE
CITIZENRY. WE HAVE HERE AN EXAMPLE WHICH SHOULD BE
IMITATED BY THE OTHER MINISTRIES AND STATE ORGANS.
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